# LOW RENT SOCIETY URGES TAX ON LAND INSTEAD OF LABOR

New York Organization Says This Alone Will Help the Small Farmer and Tenant.

FARM MORTGAGES USELESS

Letter to Senator Fletcher Cites Waste of Billions in Ground Rent System.

In a remarkable communication to Senator Fletcher of Florida, cha'rman of the United States commission man of the United States commission on co-operative land mortgage banks the Society to Lower Rents, and Reduce Taxes on Homes, with heal-quarters in New York, declares that the proposed system of land, morgage banks will be utterly useless to the average tenant farmer of the country and the man who wants to own a farm, unless the present tax

own a farm, unless the present tax system be changed. The communication, which is sign ed by Frederic C. Leubuscher, as ed by Frederic C. Leubuscher, as president, and Benjamin C. Marsh, ex-cutive secretary of the society, is ex-pected to attract notice in connection with the efforts to get rural credits legislation this winter.

#### Would Tax Land Values.

It is a plea for transferring taxes from labor to land values, as the only means of really helping tenants and small farm owners. It is pointed out that values of farm lands are swelling rapidly, at an enormous rate, and that reducing interest rates on land mortgages, under present tax meth-ods, will increase the selling price of land and not help the tenant and small farmer or man who is trying to get

"Dear Mr. Senator: The commend-shle effort of the president and or your commission to better the financial and

while effort of the president and of your commission to better the financial and economic status of the farmers deserves reartiest support.

"Is it conceivable, however, that farmers themselves will secure any real benefit from pyramiding speculative land prices and their debt burdens—which would be the inevitable result of reducing interest rates to farmers, under our present system of taxation?

"The United States census gives the following facts for 1910: The value of farm lands was \$28,475,674,169, an increase in the decade of \$15,417,996,174, or 1181 per cent; the value of farm buildings was \$6,325,451,528, an increase in the decade of \$2,7685812,032, or 77.8 per cent; the value of implements and machinery was \$1,265,149,783, an increase in the decade of \$515,373,813, or 68.7 per cent; the value of live stock was \$4,925,173,510, an increase in the decade of \$1,849,695,907, or \$0.1 per cent.

is the annual dead waste in the cost of agricultural production, due to our stupid system of taxation, which almost forces speculative land prices, while putting a heavy burden of taxation on all producers.

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"Land mortgage banks will help the average tenant farmer and would-be farm owner, under our present tax sys-tem about as much as sticking a feath-

in a rushing mountain torrent would be the water. In 1910, there were 3,354.897 farms operated by owners owning the entire farm. The value of the land of these rms was only \$13,441,834,689. "There were 3,006,605 farm

by part owners, managers, and tenants, the land of which was worth \$15.033, 480. The farms directly operated by tenants numbered 2.354.676, and the land thereof was worth \$9.450.693, 276. "The present decade's speculation in arm lands would load an annual waste f four billions on the country's pro-

The folly of attempting to meet the desperate situation of the tenant farmers and small farm owners, shown in the report of the United States Commission on Industrial Relations, by land

## PHOTOPLAYS AND PHOTOPLAYERS



Son of famous actor and photoplayer, who plays leading role in "The Red Circle," the first chapter of the story of which is published in

## The New Adventure of J. Rufus Wallingford

Read It Here Now-Then See It in Moving Pictures

"A hole," returned Wallingford calm-

ly, spitting on his hands and taking of fresh grip on the pickax. "T'll have to have damages for that." Jonas quickly decided.
"I'll not pay for it," declared Walling-ford. "The rent of this ground was included in the twenty dollars I gave

"That didn't include injurin' my prop- watch him. erty." Jonas severely told him. "You have to pay damages, or else I'll suc-

"Sue and be jiggered" answered Wallingford, turning vigorously to his work again; then he suddenly straightened up in an apparent flash of anger. "What'll you take for your old field."

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he asked.
"Well. I been holdin' that site back
for a town hall, when the town grows
up to it," Jonas declared.
"The wooden plank with your name
on it will be rotted down among the
weeds before that happens," Wallingford sourity retorted. T'll give you
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Billion Dead Waste.

"The net ground rent at 5 per cent on the increase in land values during the decade was, in 1919, \$770,883,308, while interest at 6 per cent on the increase would amount to \$225,039,970, a total of \$1,696,943,279. This sum, nearly one and three-quarters of a billion dollars, and enly \$250,000,000 less than the value of the corn and wheat crops of that year, is the annual dead waste in the cost of a gricultural production, due to sum the decade of \$1,849,695,907, and the corn and wheat crops of that year, is the annual dead waste in the cost of special way for this sort of breath, was very somewhat short of breath, was very the corn and wheat crops of that year, is the annual dead waste in the cost of special way in writh writh like the limit of the

ing his slow-moving and listless "Paw" the same attention as any other care-less workman who needed driving. He knew exactly how everything should be knew exactly how everything should be done, and he had no hesitancy whatso-ever in imparting information. He drew \$2.50 a day, and he was worth every cent of the money. It was the keenest delight Blackie Day knew to

Men were excavating the slabs Men were excavating the slabs of crumbly blue rock with as much tender care as if they had been rocs' eggs, and laving them gently upon beds of straw where Dan Calvin, the village carpenter, with the phenomenal assortment of glass-eves-one for each day in the week-measured each slab, and made an interestinal box for its into which how individual box for it, into which box other careful hands bedded the slab in straw, and nailed it firmly in. Not one stone was packed, however, until Walthe and as prosperous looking as the dia-ling mond booth at a lewelers fair, had measured it and computed its weigh and examined it for flaws, and tested its quality by scraping a previous edge of it with his pocket knife and study-

That we go on record as favoring the adoption of a system of taxation whereby personal property and all improvements would be exempt, and the burden be borne entirely by land values. This principle has been recommended by the United States Commission on Indian large of the United States Commission on Indian large of the United States Commission on Indian large of the Control of the North of the North of the North of Advance of Advance of Advance of the North of Advance of Advance of Advance of the North of Advance of Advance of Advance of the North of Advance of

### THE BEST Photoplay Department in WASHINGTON

### Ruth Roland Thinks Flowers Are the Real Symbols of Happiness

tain kinds of parts is one of the difficult things that are set before photoplay directors where so much depends on the ability of the artist to visualize the character. One cannot select bad men to play the parts of bad men or bad women to play bad women's parts in the various kinds of dramas. Many well known producers claim that it is necessary for the actor or actress to live the part.

In the ability of the hardworking conscientious men and women of the stage and the photoplay to realize the unpleasant characterrealize the unpleasant characteristics of some of the people they portray, however, lies their art. It would be difficult, for instance, to imagine a young woman of Ruth Roland's sunny, optimistic disposition in the part of June Travis in "The Red Circle."

The readers of The Times who have read the first installment of Albert Payson Terhune's story in

Albert Payson Terhune's story in this paper today, must prepare themselves for a very well played drama, however, when they see Miss Roland next week in the heroine's role. Her capacity for realizing the many lights and shades in the development of lune chades in the development of June

part.
Miss Roland made her debut as an actress when she was four years old and has been constantly on the stage almost thirteen years. She played "Little Lord Fauntleroy" when she "Little Lord Fauntleroy" when she was six years old, and at that time attracted the attention of David Belasco, who said she was one of the best child actresses he had ever seen. When she was eleven she temporarily retired from the stage to go to school, but she returned before she was sixteen and has been fore she was sixteen and has been

actively engaged ever since.
Four years ago she was "found"
in a stock company by the Kalem
Company, and with that concern be-Company, and with that concern began her career as a motion picture actress. A year ago she entered the service of the Balboa Company and appeared in a series of allegorical dramas under the general title of "Who Pays?" which attracted attention to her as an actress of serious roles. When Albert Payson Terhune's story, "The Red Circle." was made into a photoplay, Miss Roland was really the only person considered by the Balboa and Pathe directors in connection with the difficult part of June Travis.

Personally Miss Roland is a young woman of very sunny disposition. Her greatest delight is to be among flowers—California flowers. As she

Her greatest delight is to be among flowers—California flowers. As she writes in a recent issue of the Motion Picture Magazine:

"What do I like best?" answered impulsively, it would be 'flowers,' but, on second thought, I would say: 'Riding in my car among the flowers—the flowers of California.

"If Van Dyke's boy, in his search for the Blue Flower of Happiness, had wandered through the fields of California, I am sure he would have found both his wonderful Blue Flower and the Happiness he sought.

"Surely the flowers of California are symbols of happiness, as are the blue skies and the wonderful, shin-

blue skies and the wonderful, shin-ing sun. Both of them, in my work, hold for me a charm undying. What could be more inviting, more inspir-ing than to start out early on a glorious morning with a radiant sun beaming down upon you and all na-ture shedding its benediction on you and your efforts?
"Environment is recognized as an

asset to work, whether it mar or make it, and truly one cannot but do his or her best work in that environment of wondrous beauty. Some one has called flowers 'Smiles of God,' and I love that name best for them. 'Van Dyke's 'God of the Open Air' and his collection of stories un-der the title; 'The Blue Flower,' are bits that I admire. Also I read Service's poems. For more serious moments I enjoy Emerson's essays. which all combine with the great heart of nature to give the philosothy of life which if followed cannot but help bring true happiness-s freedom from narrowness of mind

### Away 35 Years, Believed Dead, Then Comes Back

and a serenity of spirit."

CONNORSVILLE. Ind., Dec. 12. Jacob De Haven, seventy-five, long believed dead by relatives here, has just returned to Connorsville after an absence of thirty-five years. When he appeared at the door of his nephew. Samuel De Haven, the family did not

of this community, sold his place one day and departed without saying a word to any one. It was reported that he was killed by bandits in the West. He says that he followed the sea and spent several years in the Orient and

#### TODAY'S BEST FILMS

By GARDNER MACK

The Battlefields of France," with lectures by the Baron H. S. de Malaussene and Dr. Joshua Will-iams, of Paris, the Belasco Thea-ter, Lafayette square. Marguerite Clark, in "Wildflower" (Famous Players). Loew's Colum-

bia. Twelfth and F streets. Ralph Kellard, in "Her Mother's Secret" (Fox Film Company), Crandall's, Ninth and E streets. Henry Kolker, in "The Warning" (Equitable), the Leader, Ninth between E and F streets.

William S. Hart, in "The Disciple," and Chester Conklin, in "Sayed by Wireless" (Triangle Films), the Garden, 423 Ninth street. Mary Miles Minter, in "Barbara Frietchie," adapted from the poem by John Greenleaf Whittier (Metro Pictures), the Strand, Ninth and D

Billie Ritchie and Louise Orth, in "Silk Hose and High Pressure" (L-Ko), the Georgia, 3422 Georgia

Arnold Daly and Louise Rutter, in "The Menace of the Mute" (Pathe), the Olympic, 1431 U street. Lenore Ulrich, in "Kilmeny" (Moresco), Crandall's Apollo, 624

Note—these selections are made from programs prepared by the managers of the theaters concerned, and no responsibility is assumed for arbitrary changes without notice to The Times. They are based on the personality of the players and the producing company and not personal inspection, except in special cases.

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## The Overthrow of Satan's Empire

DARK MISCONCEPTIONS CLEARED AWAY.

Satan Not Stoking Fires, But a Great Prince-What the Bible Declares of Him-He Fell From Being an Angel of Light-Pride and Ambition Led Him to Rebellion Against God-Why God Has So Long Permitted Him Without Authorizing His Reign—The Nature of His Rule—Its Object—How It Will End-His Dethronement Foretold at the Inauguration of Messiah's Kingdom.



WHAT THE DELUGE ACCOMPLISHED. Foreshowing these conditions, God had arranged tot a desige; for manking had become so corupt under these evir induences hat a containance of these conditions could no longer be beneficial. The entire race, except goans laming of eight persons, were drowned in the Deluge. Not a word in the mobile tells that those people went to eternal tortate; but everything in it teaches that they died—lost line entirely. But because from death during the thousand years of thrust's reign, therefore the fibble teaches Samuel De Haven, the family did not recognize him.

De Haven, once a prosperous farmer of this community, sold his place one day and departed without saying a the establishment of right-countries in day and departed without saying a the establishment of right-countries in the was killed by bandits in the West, own order. John 5:25,25, 1 Corinthians the says that he followed the sea and fellowed the sea an

sentence of death, therefore Jesus calls Satan
"a murderer from the beginning."—John 8:44.
For approximately four thousand years this
mighty, wicked spiritual prince has not only
been the prince of demons, "The angels who
sinned," but also, by deception, the god or
ruler of humanity. His rule of darkness
has not been an open one, which the race
would resent, but a reign through deception
and through the wickedness of humanity—
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CHRISTENDOM IS SATAN'S TRIUMPH.

When God entered into a Covenant with the Israelites at Mount Sinal, His Law forbade them to have anything to do with these evil

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race, infused with fresh blood. The fact that God had not punished Satan's disloyality was, no doubt, a surprise to all the holy angels. It appeared as though Satan was too powerful for God to punish him. Hence, when Satan presented the proposition that the angels should materialize as men and beget human children of the human mothers of the race, a considerable number of the angels deflected, and participated in the angels deflected, and participated in the angels deflected, and participated in the Bible declares, "they left their own estate," or condition. The Bible tells use that the result of this unsubstrized union was a new race, physically strong, but morally perverted. The record further is that this new race "filled the earth with violence," dominating, enslaving, inistreating humanity,—Genesis 6:1.

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The matter worked well. Then the Catholics said, "Why cannot we sumilarly give the people the Bible, and yet hold them down to creedal interpretation of it?" So they prepared at Douay College, France, the Douay Bible, and gave it to the catnoir's, with similar warnings that there was great danger in reading it, and that wheever interpreted it otherwise than by the creeda would be heretics and could not even get off with Purgatory, but would go down to eternal torture.

In addition to these handicaps, we must remember that all the reformers who really appreciated the Bible had their minds warped and twisted by twelve centuries of human miscepresentation of the Divine character and Plan, under the malevolent influence of "the prince of this world." Hence, although the translations of the Bible are generally good, they are interspersed here and there with the mental coloring of the translators. Nor can we wonder at this. Twelve centuries of error and darkness must greatly becloud the mind and require time to be disilodged.

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SECT FOLLOWED SECT. SEEKING LIGHT

Again Satan sought to block the path of Christian progress from darkness to dight by encouraging sectarisanism. Yet each sect was really seeking more light; and Satan the Prince of Darkness, succeeded in leading some this way and some that way, and in perpetuating and to some extent increasing the confusion of doctrines, until today the vast majority of even those who profess full consecration to God are perplexed, bewildered. The fire of Higher Criticism and of evolutionary theories emanating from the colleges is burning up the false faith of many, as St. Paul foretold would be the case with those who built their faith with the wood, hay and stubble of human tradition, and who did not sufficiently search out and build with the gold, silver and precious stones of Divine Truth.—I Corinthians 3:12.

The eminent Cardinal Newman expressed the sentiment of all honest Christians in his hymn, which has met with such general favor everywhere. In it he says:

"Lead, Kindly Light,
 Amidst the encircling gloom;
 Lead Thou me on.

The night is dark; and
 I am far from home;
 Lead Thou me on."

Like the Cardinal, all Christian people are comming to realize that they have been in an SECT FOLLOWED SECT. SEEKING LIGHT.

As with the pulpit, so with the pew! How many bankers, doctors, lawyers, far too intelligent to believe the monstrosities of the creeus, nevertheless back with their personal influence and their money those very creeds which dishonor God, and which have driven thousands of sensible people away from all denominations! Would these same men be so dishonest in respect to their yows to the Masons of the Odd Fellows or other human organizations? Would they support things which they did not believe? We cannot think

which they did not besieve.

The only explanation we have for such a terrible course of hypocrisy is that these good people do not realize what they are doing, and believe themselves justified in professing a lie because others do. Surely the hour of awakening and of decision is upon us. If I am correct in teaching that Messish's Kingdom is at the door, surely it is time to be sobered up from the false decirines, time to be very penitent for our share therein, time to step out of all false representations into the liberty wherewith Christ has made His people free (Galatians) representations into the liberty wherewith Christ has made His people free (Galatians

Christ has made His people free (Galatians 6:1), and time to profess the Truth and to uphold it—and it alone.

Surely no one believes that any hypocrite will be granted a share in Messiah's King dom as a member of His Bride class! How serious is the sliuation! Does it not call for prompt action on the part of all who woull have the Master's approval? "Well done good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make they ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." (Matthew 25:21.) Thus Satan's Empire is tottering to its fall. Let joy of thy Lord." (Matthew 25:21.) This Satan's Empire is tottering to its fall. Le-us then join in assisting in the overthrow of Satan's Empire of darkness and falsehood

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